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TITLE OF INVENTION: USE OF PREBIOTICS, PREFERABLY GLUCOOLIGOSACCHARIDE, FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE ONSET OF TYPE II DIABETES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 284 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 284 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/527,819

Examiner

MICHAEL C. HENRY

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 06/12/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 49, 50, 53, 56 and 63. The claims are renumbered 1-5, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Shaojia Anna Jiang/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1623

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Madsen (Reg # 58543) on 09/08/09. The examiner's amendment includes the status of all claims in the Application.

The application has been amended as follows:

1-48. (cancelled).

49. (currently amended) A method for treating hyperglycemic syndrome and/or type II diabetes in a subject, comprising: administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of prebiotic non-digestible oligosaccharides comprising glucooligosaccharides (GOS) whose degree of polymerization is ~~between~~ from 2 ~~and to~~ 10, the composition of said glucooligosaccharides (GOS) being as follows (dry matter content):

less than 1% fructose,

less than 4% glucose,

9-11% disaccharides wherein at least one disaccharide is selected from the group consisting of maltose, leucrose, and sacharose,

9-11 % trisaccharides selected from the group consisting of panose and maltotriose,

5 to 7% GOS with a degree of polymerization 4,

8 to 10% GOS* with a degree of polymerization 4,
18 to 22% GOS with a degree of polymerization 5,
36 to 44% GOS with a degree of polymerization greater than 5, and
wherein each GOS comprises a glycosidic $\alpha(1\rightarrow2)$ bond at its non-reducing end
or carried by the next-to-last glucose, with the exception of GOS* which does not contain any.

50. (previously presented) The method according to claim 49, wherein
prebiotics comprising GOS are administered at a rate of 1.5g/kg/day or a rate of approximately
10 to 30 g/day.

Claims 51-52. (cancelled)

53. (currently amended) A food composition, nutritional additive, functional food
or nutraceutical for the nourishment of subject having hyperglycemic syndrome and/or type II
diabetes in a subject, comprising one or more prebiotics wherein said prebiotics are ~~chosen from~~
~~the~~ compositions of non-digestible oligosaccharides comprising chain formations of identical or
different monosaccharides, whose degree of polymerization varies ~~between~~ from 2 ~~and to~~ 10,
and whose monosaccharides are selected from the group consisting of glucose, fructose,
galactose, xylose, mannose, rhamnose and fucose, ~~and~~

wherein a food composition ~~substantially~~ comprising a mixture of isomaltotriose,
isomaltotetraose and isomaltopentose is excluded, ~~and~~

wherein fructooligosaccharides are excluded,

~~whose~~ wherein the prebiotics are ~~chosen from the~~ glucooligosaccharides (GOS),
the composition of said glucooligosaccharides (GOS) being as follows (dry matter content):

- fructose: less than 1%,
 - glucose: less than 4%,
 - disaccharides where at least one of said disaccharides is selected from the group consisting of maltose, leucrose, and sacharose : from 9 to 11%,
 - trisaccharides where at least one of said trisaccharides consisting of panose, or maltotriose: from 9 to 11%,
 - GOS with a degree of polymerization 4: from 5 to 7%,
 - GOS* with a degree of polymerization 4: from 8 to 10%,
 - GOS with a degree of polymerization 5: from 18 to 22%,
 - GOS with a degree of polymerization greater than 5: from 36 to 44%, and
- wherein each GOS comprises a glycosidic $\alpha(1\rightarrow2)$ bond at its non-reducing end or is carried by the next-to-last glucose, except GOS* does not contain any.

Claims 54-55. (cancelled)

56. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, one or more prebiotics ~~chosen from the, said prebiotics~~ being compositions of non-digestible oligosaccharides comprising chain formations of identical or different monosaccharides, whose degree of polymerization varies ~~between~~ from 2 ~~and~~ to 10,

and whose monosaccharides are ~~chosen from~~ selected from the group consisting of glucose, fructose, galactose, xylose, mannose, rhamnose and fucose, and

wherein fructooligosaccharides are excluded,

wherein the prebiotics are ~~chosen from the~~ glucooligosaccharides (GOS) and the composition of said glucooligosaccharides (GOS) are as follows (dry matter content):

- fructose: less than 1%,

- glucose: less than 4%,

- disaccharides wherein at least one of said disaccharides is selected from the group consisting of maltose, leucrose, and saccharose : from 9 to 11%,

- trisaccharides wherein at least one of said trisaccharides is panose, or maltotriose: from 9 to 11%,

- GOS with a degree of polymerization 4: from 5 to 7%,

- GOS* with a degree of polymerization 4: from 8 to 10%,

- GOS with a degree of polymerization 5: from 18 to 22%,

- GOS with a degree of polymerization greater than 5: from 36 to 44%, and

wherein each GOS comprises a glycosidic $\alpha(1\rightarrow2)$ bond at its non-reducing end or carried by the next-to-last glucose, except GOS* does not contain any.

Claims 57-62. (cancelled)

63. (previously presented) A composition, comprising:

prebiotic glucooligosaccharides (GOS) on a dry matter basis as follows:

less than 1% fructose,
less than 4% glucose,
9-11% disaccharides wherein at least one disaccharide is selected from the group consisting of maltose, leucrose, and sacharose,
9-11 % trisaccharides selected from the group consisting of panose and maltotriose,
5 to 7% GOS with a degree of polymerization 4,
8 to 10% GOS* with a degree of polymerization 4,
18 to 22% GOS with a degree of polymerization 5,
36 to 44% GOS with a degree of polymerization greater than 5, and
wherein each GOS comprises a glycosidic $\alpha(1\rightarrow2)$ bond at the non-reducing end or at the next-to-last glucose, with the exception of GOS* which does not contain a glycosidic $\alpha(1\rightarrow2)$ bond.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner has found claims 49, 50, 53, 56, 63 to be unobvious over the prior art of record and therefore to be allowable over the prior art of record.

The method and composition of claims 49, 50, 53, 56, 63 are not taught or suggested in the prior art and are not obvious over the prior art. For example, composition and the use of said composition which comprises specific ingredients, compounds or substances are not taught or suggested in the prior art and are not obvious over the prior art

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Henry whose telephone number is 571-272-0652. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Mon-Fri. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308-1235.

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September 9, 2009

/Shaojia Anna Jiang/
Supervisory Patent Examiner
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